

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
AUGUST 16, 2006**

The State Board of Education met for a special conference call meeting at 8:30 a.m. CDT, on August 16, 2006.

Board Members Present..... 8

Mr. Fielding Rolston, Chair
Mr. Jim Ayers
Mr. Richard Ray
Dr. Jean Anne Rogers
Dr. Valerie Rutledge
Ms. Sharon Thompson
Dr. Melvin Wright
Dr. Richard Rhoda, Ex-Officio

Absent.....2

Mr. Flavius Barker
Ms. Carolyn Pearre

Board Staff Present

Dr. Gary Nixon
Dr. Mary Jo Howland
Dr. David Sevier

Others Present

Alfred Hall
Bernadia Johnson
Carol Johnson
Suzanne Kelly
Connie Smith
William White

Chairman Rolston called the meeting to order and welcomed members to the called meeting.

I. Action Items (Final Reading)

A. 2006 List of Identified High Priority Schools and School Systems

Dr. Connie Smith from the SDE presented the 2006 list of identified high priority schools and school systems. She outlined the various levels of status including "on target," "school improvement I," "school improvement II," "corrective action," "restructuring I," "restructuring II," and "state/lea partnership." Dr. Smith also detailed "improving" status and how a school or system might work its way out of high priority status.

Dr. Smith then noted the 8 systems denoted as high priority for 2006.

ACTION: **Valerie Rutledge** moved acceptance. **Sharon Thompson** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

	Yes	No	Absent
Jim Ayers	X		
Dick Ray	X		
Jean Anne Rogers	X		
Fielding Rolston	X		
Valerie Rutledge	X		
Sharon Thompson	X		
Melvin Wright	X		

Next, Dr. Smith presented the list of high priority schools. There are 96 schools on this year's list. She noted that 63 schools showed enough improvement to be removed from the list.

Mr. Ayers expressed concern that a school recently removed from the list might slip backward and return to the list. Dr. Smith responded by noting the technical assistance provided by the SDE.

ACTION: **Jim Ayers** moved acceptance. **Melvin Wright** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

	Yes	No	Absent
Jim Ayers	X		
Dick Ray	X		
Jean Anne Rogers	X		
Fielding Rolston	X		
Valerie Rutledge	X		
Sharon Thompson	X		
Melvin Wright	X		

II. Adjournment

Chairman Rolston thanked the Board members for their attendance and congratulated the schools on the progress made. The meeting adjourned.

Approved by: _____ Date: _____